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Transmittal # 96 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE  
FOR THE CHAMPVA PM (POLICY MANUAL)**

Explanation of the changes and related index updates to the CHAMPVA PM are in the following summary.

Transmittal changes may include removal of supplemental material previously noted in the body of the policy or the transmittal memorandum.

**Chapter 1, Section 2.5, CHILD.**

- Under Definitions, student status, adds that “full-time” attendance is determined by the accredited educational institution.
- Under Policy Considerations, student status, clarifies criteria for certification and recertification for full-time attendance and adds criteria for a helpless child to reestablish eligibility whose marriage was terminated prior to and after October 31, 1990, by divorce or death.

**Chapter 2, Section 14.8 , ULTRASOUND ( MATERNITY )**

- Amends the Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy clarifies coverage criteria for maternity related ultrasound.
- Removes Limitations.
- Under Exclusions adds ultrasound performed to determine sex of an unborn child, and removes routine ultrasound screening for low risk pregnancy.

**Chapter 2, Section 16.5 , EXPERIMENTAL/INVESTIGATIONAL (UNPROVEN) PROCEDURES.**

- Under Policy Considerations adds cryosurgery for breast fibroadenomas.

**Chapter 2, Section 17.26 , MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DRESSINGS (COMSUMABLES)**

- Under Policy adds the allowable charge of a medical supply item will be under \$600.
- Removes Policy Considerations.

**Chapter 2, Section 20.4 , STEREOTACTIC IMPLANTATION OF DEPTH ELECTRODES.**

- Adds Exclusion for VNS (Vagus Nerve Stimulation) for any other indication, except as shown in policy, to include refractory depression, autism, obesity, cognitive impairment associated with Alzheimer's disease and obsessive-compulsive disorder.

**Chapter 2, Section 23.3, IMMUNIZATION INJECTIONS.**

- Under Policy adds quadrivalent human papillomavirus HPV-Types 6,11,16, and 18 recombinant vaccine-Gardasil.

**Chapter 2, Section 23.3A-1, CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE, ADDENDUM 1.**

- Adds vaccine Gardasil and criteria to Addendum 1.

**Chapter 2, Section 23.3A-2, ADULT IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE, ADDENDUM 2.**

- Adds vaccine Gardasil and criteria to Addendum 2.

**Code Index.** Amends index to add and delete code changes in this transmittal.

**Subject Index.** Amends index to add and delete changes in this transmittal.

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